



# CPEC

## Draft Minutes, Meeting of March 10, 2009

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### MARCH 10

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

John P. Perez, Chair  
Carol Chandler  
Lawrence T. Geraty  
David P. Lopez  
Hugo Morales  
George W. Nickel  
Carolyn Russell  
Olivia K. Singh  
Bruce D. Varner  
Howard Welinsky

### Call to Order

Commission Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Executive Secretary Anna Gomez called the roll. Chair Perez, and Commissioners Geraty, Lopez, Morales, Nickel, Russell, Singh, Varner, Welinsky, and Chandler were present.

### Report of the Chair

Commission Chair John Perez thanked former Executive Director Murray J. Haberman for his service to the Commission.

Chair Perez reported that former Commissioner Joe Bishop has contacted student associations to seek candidates for the Commission's two vacancies for student representatives.

Commissioner Welinsky moved, and Chair Perez seconded, a motion to bestow the title of Executive Director Emeritus on Mr. Haberman. The motion carried unanimously.

Former Commission Chair Singh thanked Mr. Haberman for his service. Mr. Haberman thanked the Commission for this honor.

Chair Perez said that after the February 11 Commission meeting, he, Executive Director Karen Humphrey, Commissioner Welinsky, and staff members Kevin Woolfork and Julia Blair visited several legislators. Mr. Perez encouraged commissioners to take every opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss the Commission's role in higher education issues.

Commissioner Russell thanked Executive Director Humphrey for attending the fourth annual California Community Colleges Legislative Reception, hosted by the Board of Governors on March 2 in Sacramento and for speaking at the Board of Governors meeting on March 3.

### Item I – Approval of the Minutes of the December 9–10, 2008, and February 11, 2009, Meetings

Commissioner Welinsky moved, and Commissioner Russell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

### Report of the Executive Director

Director Humphrey announced that she will be scheduling individual meetings with commissioners. She reported that office closures on employee furlough days have been discontinued and the CPEC office will be open five days per week. The Commission is seeking a replacement for the position of ITQ Grants Administrator.

Commission staff are scheduling editorial board meetings with Chair Perez. Staff will invite commissioners who live in the areas they are visiting to join the meetings. Staff are considering approaching the boards of non-education agencies and developing a web application for use on Facebook.

Commission staff member Ryan Fuller presented a new Commission report comparing fees at California's public colleges and universities. Staff member Jessika Jones presented a report on how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will affect higher education in California.

Director Humphrey reported that she had attended a news conference held by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. She said that Commission staff will identify key bills that are related to the priorities of Senator Steinberg and other senators who are promoting ways to improve connections between community college and high school career technical programs.

Commissioner Chandler requested staff to investigate teacher training, how teachers can give students hope for attending college, and how teachers can keep students from dropping out.

Commissioner Welinsky requested staff to produce a report discussing what California could do to align education to President Obama's vision. Director Humphrey said she intends to have staff cover the federal education agenda and to focus on the federal budget and the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.

### Report of the Statutory Advisory Committee

On behalf of the committee, Committee Chair Todd Greenspan congratulated Karen Humphrey on her appointment as Executive Director. He said he would like to meet to discuss how the Executive Director and Committee can work together.

Mr. Greenspan reported news from the segments, most notably that community colleges Chancellor Jack Scott, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, and UC President Mark Yudof had formed a task force to examine transfer issues.

### Item 2 – Legislative Update

Governmental Relations Committee Chair Welinsky noted that the Commission would vote to adopt positions on bills that were introduced since the February 11, 2009 meeting.

Commissioner Chandler moved, Commissioner Geraty seconded, to accept unanimous consent on bills with a staff-recommended Watch position, with the exception of AB 867 (CSU Doctor of Nursing Practice degree). The motion carried unanimously. The bills were as follows:

SB 271 (Ducheny) – Public Education Facilities Bond Act.

SB 489 (Liu) – Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform and Student Consumer Protection Act of 2009.

AB 723 (Conway) – Community College Career Technical Education.

AB 788 (Swanson) – Career Technical Education.

AB 1295 (Fuller) – Nursing Degree Programs.

SB 511 (Committee on Education) – Standardized Testing.

The Commission voted on the following motions on bills that had been introduced or significantly amended since the February 11 meeting.

AB 669 (Fong) – Residency Requirements. Commissioner Russell moved, Commissioner Chandler seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

AB 317 (Solario) – College Textbook Affordability; SJR 2 (Liu) – State Tax Credits for Education, College Textbook Affordability. SB 216 (Liu) – Textbooks. Commissioner Russell moved, Commissioner Chandler seconded, to adopt positions of Support on these items. Motion carried unanimously.

AB 220 (Brownley) – Educational Facilities 2009 Facilities Bond Act. Chair Perez moved, Commissioner Geraty seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

AB 867 (Nava) – CSU Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree. CSU Chico faculty member Kathleen Kaiser addressed the Commission. She said AB 867 would provide an extremely practical way to address the shortage of nursing professors at the undergraduate and master's levels. Chair Perez moved, Commissioner Chandler seconded, to adopt a position of Watch. The motion carried unanimously.

SB 147 (DeSaulnier) – UC and CSU Career Technical Education Courses. Kathleen Kaiser, representing the CSU Admissions Advisory Council, said the council and UC's Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools oppose the bill. The groups prefer faculty review rather than a state mandate to gain support of school districts and communities in developing CTE courses, because some CTE programs are offered only regionally, such as agriculture and technology. Commissioner Chandler moved, Commissioner Welinsky seconded, to oppose the bill unless it is amended. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 160 (Cedillo) – Institutional Financial Aid and Eligibility, 2009 version of Dream Act. Commissioner Nickel moved, Commissioner Chandler seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 199 (Ducheny) – Instructional Strategies: Subject Matter Projects. Commissioner Russell moved, Commissioner Nickel seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

AB 1495 (Perez) – California Postsecondary Education Commission: Workforce. Commissioner Geraty moved, Chair Perez seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

AB 440 (Beall) – California Community Colleges: Student Transfer. Commissioner Geraty moved, Commissioner Chandler seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

AB 1182 (Brownley) – Public Postsecondary Education: Reporting Requirements. Chair Perez moved, Commissioner Russell seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

AB 1222 (Lowenthal) – CSU Alumni Disclosure. Commissioner Chandler moved, Commissioner Geraty seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 775 (Liu) – Postsecondary Education Accountability Program. Commissioner Welinsky noted that SB 775 is the third attempt at passing this concept and all three bills have been vetoed by the Governor. Ms. Blair said Commission staff encourages dialogue with the Governor’s staff as the bill is developed. Mr. Woolfork said there were objections to early work on accountability bills previously introduced by Senator Alpert and Senator Scott regarding costs, local mandates with community colleges, and the Governor’s Compact with UC and CSU. Commissioner Perez moved, Commissioner Geraty seconded, to adopt a position of Support. Chandler abstained. Motion carried.

Legislative Director Julia Blair requested removing AB 105 and SB 47 from the watch list of bills as they are no longer relevant. The Commissioners agreed that there is no need for a vote on those items.

### **Item 3 – Update on The 2009–10 State Budget**

Staff member Kevin Woolfork presented a staff report on the budget.

Former CPEC commissioner Dr. Kathleen Kaiser, who is a CSU Chico faculty member, a Chico Unified School District Trustee, and a CTA representative, addressed the Commission regarding teacher layoffs and suggested the Commission create a web-based interactive graph on the number and locations of teacher layoffs the state has experienced over the past four years.

Commissioner Chandler moved, Commissioner Russell seconded, to adopt the staff report. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Presentation by Glen W. Thomas, Secretary of Education**

Secretary Thomas discussed the Governor’s high priority on education and spending state money efficiently and on programs that reflect the state’s values. He talked about college readiness, remedial education, decentralizing the financial aid system, teacher professional development, and teacher layoffs. Secretary Thomas expressed interest in working with the Commission on those and other education issues.

### **Lunch**

Chair Singh recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

### **Item 4 – An Analytic Method for Measuring Student Academic Preparation by School and Gender**

Staff members Stacy Wilson, Ryan Fuller, and Mallory Angeli presented this report examining the link between test results at high school and college-going. Chair Perez asked why the particular test subjects were chosen. Dr. Wilson said that, of the test results available, these correspond most closely to the subjects in the *a–g* university eligibility requirements. The correlations show the relative importance of the individual tests in predicting college-going and persistence.

Commissioner Chandler asked why the composite preparation measure is better than using schools’ Academic Performance Index. Dr. Wilson replied that measure is under the control of the Commission and can be calculated separately by ethnicity and gender unlike the API, which is available only for a school as a whole.

## **Item 5 — Access and Equity for all Students: Students with Disabilities**

A panel discussed issues related to students with disabilities. The panel members were: Scott Hamilton, Los Rios Community College District learning disability specialist and California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disabilities president; Paul Miller, CSU Disabled Students Programs & Services director; Danny Nuss, University of the Pacific DSP&S director; and Henry Wedler, a UC Davis student.

Topics included campus and system responsibilities to accommodate students, such as physical access to buildings and electronic access to library and instructional materials. The panel talked about issues such as notifying departments about what books and services students need, delivery of counseling services, training for faculty and staff in assisting students with disabilities, and the need to recognize disabilities such as Asperger Syndrome and post-traumatic stress disorder of combat veterans.

Panelists brought up the issue of access to textbooks in an alternative format for students in a timely manner. The panel recommended that campuses should promote universally designed learning models for all students, and that lectures and teaching should include content for written, auditory, graphic, and experiential learning.

## **Item 6 – Revisions to the Commission’s Guidelines for Approval of Community College Centers**

Staff member Stacy Wilson presented his report with the proposed revised guidelines. Commissioner Russell said she was pleased with the latest draft of this agenda item. Dr. Wilson confirmed that the changes between the initial draft from December 2008 and this current item were the result of dialogue between staff and the system representatives.

Allan Peterson, facilities planning consultant and former facilities and site planner with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, addressed the Commission. Mr. Peterson discussed exceptions to the enrollment threshold that would allow smaller centers to operate. He also mentioned his concern for colleges having to submit more than one enrollment projection for provisional approval if new determinations are needed during the process of provisional and subsequent approval.

Commissioner Russell moved, Commissioner Chandler seconded, to adopt the report. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Item 7 – Making Sense of the Nursing Education Crisis: A Program Planning Study Prospectus**

Dr. Wilson provided an overview of a statewide planning framework that will be used to address issues pertaining to the nursing crisis in California. An advisory committee will be appointed to assist the Commission in this work.

Cathryn Nation, UC Academic Health Sciences director, and Christine Hansen, CSU Dean of Academic Program Planning, each discussed their system’s health science and nursing programs and planning activities. Dr. Nation said that the Governor has formed a task force to address the nursing crisis, and she recommended that CPEC work closely with that committee.

## **Item 8 – Completing the Affordability Picture: The Need for More Data on Financial Aid**

Staff member Jessika Jones presented her report, which takes the position that the Commission should have and would benefit from disaggregated student financial aid data that could be combined with existing data on enrollments and completions.

Commissioner Welinsky asked how the Governor’s CPEC–CSAC consolidation proposal would affect the analysis.

Director Humphrey said the proposal is not to combine CPEC and CSAC into a new agency, but to bring them under the Administration so that neither would remain independent. Commissioner Geraty suggested the Commission look at how the financial aid process could be simplified to save money with CPEC doing policy and data analysis and the institutions handling student aid. Mr. Woolfork said CPEC has not taken a position on taking the policy part from CSAC.

Director Humphrey said CSAC has state-level roles, such as marketing and expanding information for students, that probably could not be decentralized or taken on by CPEC.

Mr. Woolfork said that in 2002, CPEC laid out a vision for changing the financial aid process. The “one-stop shop” model may be better for students, but would need a well-thought-out plan. In 2002 CPEC had suggested convening a taskforce to discuss financial aid planning. The Commission may want to convene another group to reexamine the viability of the proposal.

Commissioner Welinsky suggested articulating to the Governor that CPEC had worked on this in the past and that CPEC can convene a new group to show CPEC’s commitment to efficiency.

## **Executive Session**

The Commission went into closed Executive Session at 4:20 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Chair Perez reconvened the public meeting at 4:51 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Welinsky moved, Commissioner seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.